

was supposed to be sunk, their vice admiral burned, and one other of their principal ships supposed to be sunk. So that the ships were little able to annoy us.

Then it is to be understood that alHhe ordnance upon the Island was in the Spaniards' hands, which did us so great annoyance, that it cut all the masts and yards of the *Jesus*; in such sort that there was no hope to carry her away. Also it sank all our small ships.

Whereupon, we determined to place the *Jesus* on that side of the *Minion*, that she might abide all the battery from the land, and so be a defence for the *Minion* till night; and then to take such relief of victuals and other necessaries from the *Jesus*, as time would suffer us, and so to leave her.

As we were thus determining, and had placed the *Minion* [away] from the shot of the land; suddenly, the Spaniards had fired two great ships, which were coming directly with us.

Having no means to avoid the fire, it bred among our men a marvellous fear: so that some said, " Let us depart with the *Minion* ! " Others said, ^{fi}e Let us see whether the wind will carry the fire from us! " But, to be short, the *Minion's* men, which had always their sails in a readiness, thought to make sure work ; and so, without either consent of the Captain or^Master, cut their sail; so that, very hardly, I was received into the *Minion*.

The most part of the men that were left alive in the *Jesus*, made shift, and followed *theM^n^on* in a small boat. The rest, which the little boat was not able to receive, were enforced to abide the mercy ofthe Spaniards; which I doubt was very little. , So with the *Minion* only; and the *Judith*, a small bark of ,50 tons, we escaped : which bark, the same night, forsook us in our great misery.

We were now removed with the *Mimon* from the Spanish ships two bow shots; and there rode all that night.

The next morning [24^], we recovered an island, a mile from the Spaniards : where there took us a north wind : and being left only with two anchors and two cables (for in this conflict, we lost three cables and two anchors), we thought always upon death, which ever was present; but GOD preserved us to a longer time.

The weather waxed reasonable, and the
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